



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS** the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education have declared November 13-17, 2006 as International Education Week in observance of the many important contributions of international education to our nation; and

**WHEREAS** international education and exchange include thousands of programs, public and private, campus-based and national, that promote the sharing of ideas and experiences across borders. These include study abroad programs, citizen and scholarly exchanges, foreign students on U.S. campuses, area and foreign language studies, and global approaches to U.S. education; and

**WHEREAS** by participating in such programs our young people develop a greater appreciation and respect for other people and their cultures, and break down barriers to understanding and cooperation, which are vital to peace and prosperity; and

**WHEREAS** we live in an increasingly interconnected world and improving global literacy among our citizens contributes significantly to our nation's foreign policy, economic competitiveness and national security; and

**WHEREAS** I call upon the citizens and institutions of this state to participate in celebrating this week and to recognize the importance of international education in our lives and communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 13-17, 2006 as

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in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 13th day of October, 2006.

*Phil Bredesen*

Governor

*Riley C. Darnell*

Secretary of State